**THE CASTLE BUILDER: KEY WORDS WORKSHEET**

Using the Castle Builder activity at [www.activehistory.co.uk](http://www.activehistory.co.uk), complete this worksheet by clicking on the key words on the screen as you build your castle!

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| Key Word | Details |
| Moat | A castle’s first line of defense against an attacking army. Could be either wet or dry. |
| Drawbridge | A wooden bridge over the moat that can be moved up to close. |
| Portcullis | Gates that were lowered in through slots in the gatehouse to defend the entrance. |
| Barbican | A stone building around the gate for more protection. |
| 'Curtain' wall | A wall surrounding the castle. |
| Concentric walls | A castle that has two or more layers of walls surrounding it. |
| Merlons and embrasures | Merlons are little walls on the embattlements and embrasures are the space between them. |
| Round towers | Towers where archers could fire from. |
| Square towers | Less secure than the round towers but easier to build. |
| Motte | A man made mound where a tower would be placed to make it harder to get to. |
| Bailey | The main courtyard of the castle. |
| Machicolations | Towers built jutting out from the curtain walls so people can drop oil and rocks at the enemies |
| Hoardings | Wooden sheds jutting out of the curtain walls where people can drop oil and rocks on enemies. It’s less secure the machicolations |
| Crossbowmen | People that uses a ballista |
| Longbowmen | People that shoots 5 times faster than the crossbowmen but were more expensive. |
| Mangonels | A type of catapult that hurls stones. |
| Trebuchets | A catapult with a sling to hurl stones. |
| Oil | People drop hot oil on the enemies to keep them away |
| Stones | People drops stones at the enemies to keep the away |

